

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET**COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone) REPORTTOPIC Soviet Troop Transports at St Poelten and Camp Spratzern

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Information

1. On 22 August 1955, heavy shipments of billeting and other equipment from the barracks west of Schiesstattring and from Camp Spratzern were observed at St Poelten railroad station. The following troop transport was ready for departure at 1950: 10 T-34 tanks                      2 T-34 chassis, 2 sidecar motorcycles, 4 trucks                      ambulance                      3 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 5 gondola cars with billeting and other equipment. Flatcars were loaded with van-like trucks

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2. On 22 August 1955, paper and rubbish was being burned at Camp Spratzern. At night, 9 T-34 tanks                      and 9 SU-76 guns                      proceeded from the camp to St Poelten railroad station. There they were assembled with 3 boxcars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 8 other boxcars, flatcars with trucks                      with field kitchen                      into one troop transport train in the morning of 23 August 1955. The Austrian-Soviet Association bade farewell to the personnel leaving with this troop transport train which left at 1815 toward Vienna. Four colonels wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 3 colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets, an honor company consisting of 80 soldiers with a military band headed by a colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia attended the farewell. They had arrived at the station with the following vehicles:

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Jeep                     Sedan                     Truck                     

with troupe of Red Army

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Van-like truck                     Vehicle with loudspeaker                     

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3.                      the evacuation of St Poelten was begun by the transfer Soviet troops with 20 T-34 tanks on 21 August 1955.

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